

Resolution of the Transportation Permit
Efficiency Committee (TPEAC)
December 8, 2005

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF TPEAC STREAMLINING ACTIVITIES BY THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY ASSISTANCE	TPEAC RESOLUTION NUMBER 23
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It is the intent of this resolution to seek endorsement by the Transportation Permit Efficiency and Accountability Committee (TPEAC) for the Office of Regulatory Assistance to refine and advance permit streamlining efforts established by the committee after the TPEAC sunsets in March 2006.

WHEREAS:

The TPEAC has provided a valuable forum to bring together representatives of all entities involved in transportation permitting. Participants recognize the relationship between their individual roles and the importance of working together to bring about a more streamlined and integrated permitting process in order to more efficiently use public resources and achieve better environmental results; and

WHEREAS:

There is a continuing need for state and federal resource agencies, Tribes, local governments, and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to have an ongoing relationship and to continue to implement and expand on the work of the TPEAC after the sunset in March 2006; and

WHEREAS:

The Office of Regulatory Assistance is leading the Governor's Regulatory Improvement Program and could incorporate many of the TPEAC programs and ideas into a larger statewide work plan program; and

WHEREAS:

IState resource agencies and WSDOT agree on the desirability of developing a regulatory improvement work plan for transportation projects, updated on a yearly or biennial basis that is carried out by the participants; and

WHEREAS:

The WSDOT will continue to carry out a number of regulatory improvement activities including leading several forums to increase communication between regulatory agencies and WSDOT; improving completeness of WSDOT's permit applications; building on-line application capability; changing NEPA documentation to increase readability of documents; leading the Signatory Agency Committee; carrying out an extensive training series; updating and expanding coverage of programmatic permits; improving mitigation within watershed; etc.; and

WHEREAS:

The Office of Regulatory Assistance and the Governor's Regulatory Improvement Program will expand the efforts of the TPEAC beyond state transportation projects and will work to coordinate and integrate local and federal agency review with state permitting and review processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the TPEAC supports having the Office of Regulatory Assistance continue work begun by the TPEAC on transportation permit streamlining and, through the Governor's Regulatory Improvement Program, advancing a broader range of permitting and other regulatory improvements on a state-wide basis.

ADOPTED by the TPEAC (December 8, 2005).

Senator Dan Swecker, Committee Chairman